

would do this to people that you care about, to people that you want to win, it is something that simply would not be done. And the soldiers that we talked to, I have been to Iraq three times. I talked to them. They do not believe they we are losing. They think that we can win. They think this is very winnable. They see accomplishment.

And the reason that we have so many soldiers reenlisting to go back over there for a second and third tour is because they see the accomplishment. They would not do this if they thought they were losing. A second principle is never give encouragement and reason for optimism to an opponent.

This is something you would never do in an athletic contest. So as the game goes along, and as you enter the fourth quarter, what you do is you carry yourself as though you are winning. You do not show fatigue. You do not show injury. And so you do not give encouragement. You do not allow people to believe that somehow they are going to wear you down. And so this is something that I think is critical that we carry that understanding.

And so if we pull out prematurely, much as a Captain from Nebraska told me when I was in the Middle East, he said this. Number 1, if we pull out early, those killed and wounded will have sacrificed in vain. That is very true. What do we tell their families? How do you go and address a mother or father who have lost a soldier, when we have really quit?

Secondly, large numbers of Iraqis will die and we will have broken a promise. We told them we would not pull out. This is a promise we made. And then thirdly, we will certainly encourage terrorism everywhere. Anytime terrorists feel that they are winning, or that their methods are effective, all you do is encourage more terrorism worldwide, and the United States will become a bigger target.

So as I have talked to many Iraqi women, and I am the co-chair of the Iraqi Women's Caucus, what they will tell you consistently is this, we now have hope. We now see a future. Iraqis truly believe that things are getting better. They think that things will be better 6 months, a year from now. And I hope that the American people will have the same feeling, the same confidence, the same optimism, because this is something that we cannot afford to lose.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FRANKS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. FRANKS of Arizona addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### IN HONOR OF LANCE CORPORAL ROGER WAYNE DEEDS

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to claim the time

of the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FRANKS.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lance Corporal Roger Wayne Deeds, who served in the Second Marine Division from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Corporal Deeds died November 16 while searching for insurgents in the town of Ubaydi, Iraq. He was killed by small arms fire as he returned to the scene of combat to rescue a fellow Marine. Corporal Deeds spent his favorite years in Truman, Minnesota, where his mother, Joyce, still lives.

Roger Deeds leaves behind a 16-month-old son and a 7-week-old daughter that he never met. He lived in Goldsboro, North Carolina with his wife, Sarah. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I honor the memory and the service of this brave American. It is fitting to offer tribute on a day already set aside for remembrance.

The anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor that took place on December 7, 1941. Much like the brave soldiers who fell that day, Corporal Deeds made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of freedom.

Mr. Speaker, the attack on Pearl Harbor thrust our Nation into a terrible world war. Today we find ourselves in the midst of war once again, a very different kind of war. 64 years ago, in the aftermath of the attack on Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt in this very Chamber addressed the country.

His closing thought is as appropriate now as it was then. He said, "With confidence in our Armed Forces, with the unbounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph, so help us God."

We owe Corporal Deeds a debt of gratitude we can never repay. He chose to set aside the safety and comfort of a life spent at home in order to defend freedom for people who will never know his name.

He now takes his place in that long line that Douglas MacArthur said has never failed us. I thank the Deeds family for giving their loved one to this service. I hope it brings some comfort to know that the thoughts and prayers of thousands of Minnesotans are with them.

May God have mercy on his soul. May He continue to bless America and all who defend her.

□ 1900

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCCAUL of Texas). Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. MALONEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### CONGRATULATING CINCINNATI CHAMPION HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS TEAMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

MR. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I am fortunate to represent a district which includes many outstanding high schools and an even larger number of gifted high school athletes who have brought countless State championships home to my congressional district in a number of sports. Just this fall, Cincinnati witnessed two women's high school volleyball teams, Seton and Roger Bacon, capture the Division I and Division II crowns respectively.

In the Division I final, Seton overcame what looked to be insurmountable odds in its game against defending State champion Toledo St. Ursula. Just last year, the Saints were defeated in the State semi-finals by Toledo St. Ursula, and this year's final looked as if it were headed toward a similar outcome, with Seton dropping the first two sets of a five-set match to a formidable foe.

However, Seton battled back by rallying to win the next two sets. Overall, the match featured 53 tied scores, and in the end Seton avenged last year's loss with a 15-12 victory in set five to give head coach Kerry Butkovich her first State title. The win capped off an outstanding 24-5 record and also marked Seton's sixth volleyball title in program history and its first since 1996.

I have got a couple of newspapers here. This is the Price Hill Press, and they have a photograph here, and the caption reads below the photograph: "Seton High School Volleyball Team Accepts the State Division I Trophy from Ohio High School Athletic Association Assistant Commissioner Deborah Moore." And from left are the students who were the athletes here: Annie Lucas, Gina Coffaro, Becky Hendrian, Emily Kelly, Lindsey Svec, Chelsea Graham accepting the trophy, Megan Henderson, Megan Griffin, Chelsea Graman, Libby Walter, and Emily Sullivan.

Now, not to be outdone by its Girls Greater Cincinnati League rival, the Roger Bacon Lady Spartans captured their second straight State Division II volleyball championship later that same day. Roger Bacon dominated its opponents throughout the entire season, finishing a remarkable 29-0. In the finals, the team from St. Bernard stymied Walsh Jesuit, winning four sets. A testament to the Lady Spartans' domination was the fact that they lost only eight sets the entire year.

Led by significant contributions from each of its five seniors, Roger Bacon has become a mainstay in the State finals recording its third State title for